week respectively, between Bombay and Rajkot. Indian Airlines has a proposal to introduce a daily service between Bombay and Rajkot in the winter schedule of 1991.

Due to capacity constraints there are no plans to introduce services between Delhi and Rajkot.

Additional Gas Terminals to Gujarat and Maharashtra

3447. SHRI TEJSINHRAO BHONSLE:
SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of natural gas and the areas from which it is being produced;

(b) the details of plans underway for increasing the production of natural gas;

(c) the places where the gas terminals are located from pumping the natural gas produced from Bombay High and other offshore regions;

(d) whether the Government have received requests from Maharashtra and Gujarat Governments to establish additional gas terminals in their States;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether the Government of Maharashtra has promised to the ONGC/ GAIL to allot land required for the purpose; and

(g) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) In 1990-91, 17998 million cubic metres of gas (gross) was produced from oil and gas fields located in the Western offshore, Gujarat, Assam, Tripura, Krishna Godavari basin in Andhra Pradesh and Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu.

(b) A number of oil and gas development projects have been approved by the Government including Neelam, Mukta, Panna, additional development of LII and LIII reservoirs in Bombay High field.

(c) At Uran (Maharashtra) and Hazira (Gujarat).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) to (g) Action to acquire land at Usar in Maharashtra has been initiated.

The techno-economic feasibility of a terminal at Pipavav in Gujarat is under examination.

[*Translation*]

Vayudoot service to Purnea, Bihar

3448. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to connect Purnea commissionary of North Bihar with the Vayudoot services;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be connected by air with other parts of the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Due to the heavy losses being sustained by it, Vayudoot has been compelled to reduce its network drastically. The airlinking of new stations is not a feasible proposition for Vayudoot at the present juncture.

[*English*]

Kuteer Jyoti Scheme

3449. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kuteer Jyoti Scheme has been started for the poor;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for this scheme;

(c) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation without releasing the entire funds to the S. E. Bs., have earned interest thereon and also deducted Rs. 5/- towards service charges from each beneficiary;

(d) if so, the details of the accumulated interest and deductions for the service charges;

(e) whether the Union Government propose to direct the R.E.C. to remit the interest and service charges to the concerned States;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?